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If one admires the patience, gentleness, sweetness and unfailing energy of another; if he finds himself renewed and invigorated by such contact—why does he not himself so live that he may bring the same renewal and inspiration to others.—Lillian Whiting.

## TIRED OF CONTROVERSY

The voters of Hawaii are emphatically tired of the Kuhio-Frear controversy as an issue at this time.

The voters of Hawaii, certainly the great majority of them, believe that President Taft and Secretary Fisher will settle the truth of Delegate Kuhio's charges by an impartial investigation, and are willing to let the results of the investigation settle the controversy.

The voters of Hawaii want a campaign this fall waged on its merits and on the issues directly concerned in the election of capable men and the defeat of incapable men.

If any proof of these three statements were needed, it is furnished in the Republican precinct club elections last night. The Kuhio-Frear controversy at least was not a burning issue. The clubs have not divided into Kuhio and Frear factions, and this is gratifying proof positive that Republican voters of the territory do not want agitation of this question now. Their anxiety, their activity, their interest are enlisted in good tickets for the board of supervisors, the senate, the house of representatives.

Such a situation as Hawaii faces today can be met by prompt action to eliminate the Frear-Kuhio controversy from the territorial campaign.

No decision could strengthen the Republican leaders with the Republican party in Hawaii more than a decision to keep this controversy from entering into the fall campaign. It would do more—it would stamp the party as willing to forget factionalism when so much greater issues are involved, and would command the respect and support of voters at large who know the disaster Hawaii faces from divided strength during a rather critical period of her political and industrial history.

## MOVE A LITTLE REAL DIRT!

A thorough test of the "revolving fund law" in the courts will be of undoubted value, but it is unfortunate indeed that almost two years have passed since the law was enacted, with no work done under its provisions, and now, with actual work in sight, legal attack, involving further delay, is made. The contractors were willing to bid on reclamation work under the law, and they did bid, many weeks ago. Whether the suit is a friendly one or not is important only insofar as a friendly suit will probably be rushed through the courts instead of delayed. What Honolulu asks is action. Good faith demands a speedy settlement of the question of this law's validity.

## "TO MEET DR. ELIOT"

Honolulu is fortunate in having as a visitor next week Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard.

Dr. Eliot's many years of public service are culminating in a public service that is greatest of all—the advancement of world-peace. He undertook the trip around the world at the request of the executive committee of the Carnegie peace foundation. Primarily, his purpose is not so much to spread an active propaganda on this tour as to investigate public opinion, to study the present-day thought of other nations on the subject of peace, so that the financial and educational resources of the Carnegie foundation may be most effectively applied to the problem.

In human life, in property, in an outlay of

national strength, war's cost is more terrible than the ordinary mind can comprehend. Yet disarmament is probably far in the future. The Carnegie peace foundation aims to strike at the bottom of the problem and begin where progress can be made.

Dr. Eliot is one of the men his country has loved to honor and to crown with laurel. His visit to Hawaii on this tour properly ranks as a great occasion in a high and dignified sense. And it is gratifying to know that an opportunity is to be given the people of Honolulu, all the people,—to meet Dr. and Mrs. Eliot. An informal reception and garden party will be held on the Dillingham grounds next Tuesday afternoon from four to six o'clock. It is an occasion on which Honolulu should send forth a great and representative gathering. The Star-Bulletin has been asked by the Harvard club to extend through its columns a cordial invitation to everyone, as no formal invitations have been issued.

## VOTING ON SUGAR

Senate consideration of the sugar tariff next Friday or Saturday will be taken not on the authoritative and scientific report that President Taft has demanded and consistently worked for, but on a mass of uncompleted data turned over by the now defunct tariff board, and on the free-sugar bill that passed the house as a political measure.

Under these circumstances leading sugarmen of the country cannot regard the senate action as dictated by mature and sober judgment. Whether the senate's attitude will be favorable to the tariff as it stands, for a moderate revision or for a serious modification, it will not be the result of scientific investigation of the facts in the case.

The tariff board was formed in October, 1909. It made comprehensive investigations into the schedules that at that time seemed most important and upon which complaint was most general,—that is, the wood-pulp and paper, wool and cotton.

When the sugar tariff became an immediate issue, the board had just begun its investigation of the industry. It was also attempting to investigate the leather industry and making glossaries of the leather and silk schedules. Congress, in the impatient way Congress sometimes has, refused further money for the tariff board work, and the board automatically went out of existence on June 29. Its incomplete data on sugar and other industries were turned over to the president.

President Taft still stands by the board. He reiterated his belief in it by a plank in his Chicago platform. It is unfortunate that just at a time when the sugar industry needs intelligent and impartial investigation, its future should depend largely on undigested facts and political parley.

The Star-Bulletin, however, is not at all pessimistic as to the sugar tariff. The senate is not likely to take undigested allegations for conclusions, and the president's firm stand is admirable as well as reassuring.

Gen. Yuan Shih-Kai's presidency of China is not marked by extraordinary harmony. The country is in financial difficulties and the assembly and the president are not in sympathy on the matter of cabinet appointments. Meanwhile the Canton mint is putting out two million dollars, each bearing a fac-simile of the head of Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

Mr. H. L. Strange should be given every encouragement in his plan to bring to Hawaii in 1915 several hundred members of the American Gas Institute. Succeed or fail, Hawaii will benefit by the attempt to bring the gasmen here, and there is no reason why it shouldn't succeed instead of fail.

The cable dispatches yesterday told of a new order on Chinese punk. From the rapid manner in which the impeachment court is getting Judge Archbald's goat, it is apparent that punk rulings are not confined to the customs branch of national government.

A. L. C. Atkinson will let Senator Dixon and a few others know that Hawaii is on the map, anyway. Some of the astute statesmen still insist on classing this territory as a possession.

Hawaii's polo of 1912 promises to be as keenly, cleanly played as any tournament in the history of the sport here.

How doth the little Oyster Bay improve each shining hour!

The McNamara "coup" should be spelled "coop."

## LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

### KALAKAUA AVENUE NEGLECT.

Editor Star-Bulletin, Sir:—Just once in the last sixteen years have repairs been made on Kalakaua avenue. All other roads and public thoroughfares in Honolulu have received attention, but apparently this one has been forgotten.

Certainly the neglect is not due to the fact that Kalakaua avenue does not need it, nor to the failure of residents and property owners to protest; the dust is so heavy that on windy days the homes nearby are almost untenable, and in wet weather portions of this road are almost impassable.

What is the reason for this neglect? KAMAHA.

## THE PRESS and the PEOPLE

### KENT'S GOOD EXAMPLE.

Goldconda Billy Kent has decided to run for Congress again, but will have his name placed on the ballot by petition, and not attempt to masquerade as a Republican. Not being a Republican, this is the only honest course for him to pursue. The voters will have no difficulty in finding his name if they want to mark a cross after it, and they will respect him the more because he has not resorted to trickery to catch unwary votes by false pretensions.

Kent has not been a success as a Congressman. He has accomplished nothing and has made little effort to do anything. He severed relations with the Republican minority in the House, while the Democratic majority had no use for a political maverick. That he was without influence at Washington was the logical outcome of the situation he had created for himself. Government in legislative assemblies is necessarily carried on by party, and Kent was a man without a party. If re-elected he will find himself, at the best, one of a small third-party clique in the next Congress, and still without appreciable influence in that body.

But he should be commended for coming out in his true colors, and publicly acknowledging what he has privately asserted for several years, that he is neither a Republican nor a Democrat. Now if he will reform his ways in another particular, decide to stand on his personal merits instead of spending a fortune as he did two years ago to influence public opinion, he will be entitled to a larger measure of respect.—Sacramento Union.

### BOSSSES—BEFORE AND AFTER.

Mr. Wilson is taking the hand of the bosses. Mr. Taggart and Mr. Sullivan were among his allies yesterday. At the Fourth of July Tammany celebration a letter from Mr. Wilson was read praising the society and its work.

Of course, such is politics. What chance of election would Mr. Wilson have with these men and their kind in Tammany Hall sulking or in opposition? He wants their active support, and is taking steps to secure it—the easy steps promising success. A hand-clasp and word of friendly greeting from the candidate are magical.

Had the deadlock at Baltimore continued and Mr. Bryan emerged as the nominee, we should have seen the same thing. The men he had slammed—some by name—would have called on him, paid their respects, and been well received. Not one would have needed an introduction. He knows them all, and has worked with them all. Four years ago Mr. Murphy was his guest for a few hours at Lincoln, returning from the Denver convention. It is as easy to coddle as to slam a boss, and politicians know how.

It is not difficult to imagine what Mr. Roosevelt would have done if he had aid of those fake contests in the south, he had emerged from the Chicago convention the republican nominee. His denunciation of bosses would instantly have ceased, and steps been taken at his instance to steer into his camp men he had been stigmatizing.—Washington Star.

### LIBERIA AIDED.

Americans, whose memories go back to the days when the United States was wholly a debtor nation and when its influence in international affairs was solely of that limited type set forth as proper by Washington in his farewell address, often sit up with more of less astonishment now as the cables tell of loans from Wall street to Japan or to Germany, or of official action by the state department, fostering American financiers' efforts to conserve the credit of China in Asia or Liberia in Africa. Put with these items the fact that trained American advisers have aided Siam, Japan, Persia and China in recent radical political transformations, and it becomes apparent that a new era of American influence has opened.

Latest news from Liberia as to satisfactory adjustment of certain German claims upon the republic by the American adviser now cooperating to restore stability to that republic, will at least temporarily remind citizens of the United States that there are new chapters opening in one of the sentimental experiments in which the nation first indulged while trying to meet the issue of negro slavery. Liberia symbolize for the United States the shattered ideal cherished once by many of the best people of the nation, namely that the American race conflict might be avoided through return to Africa of all the slaves and their offspring. But they would not go, at least in any such numbers as to materially alter the home situation.

Other and more drastic methods of adjustment of the issue came; the distant African colony and experimental republic soon passed out of mind; and for decades relations between the two

## PERSONALITIES

P. C. JONES was a returning passenger this morning from Hawaii. W. H. RICE of Maui is an arrival this morning in the steamer Mauna Kea, to attend the polo games.

GEORGE W. PATY was elected secretary of the Anti-Saloon League at its meeting yesterday afternoon.

J. TURNER, representing the San Francisco Bulletin, is in the city for a visit. He is a guest at the Pleasanton.

DAN CASE of the Circuit Court of Maui is a Honolulu visitor. He arrived in the city this morning in the Mauna Kea.

FATHERS Valentín, Carroll and John were numbered among the passengers returning from Hawaii ports in the steamer Mauna Kea this morning.

T. A. BURNINGHAM, traveling representative of E. O. Hall & Son, has completed a tour of Hawaii and returned to the city in the Mauna Kea.

LAND COMMISSIONER Joshua D. Tucker left yesterday for Kahakuloa, Maui. With A. M. Brown he will journey to Kula on Monday to inspect some government land adjoining a tract which the latter has under-lease. Commissioner Tucker expects to return home Wednesday.

MISS SOPHIE DE LA NUX will leave on the Sierra July 27 for San Francisco, where she is going to be married to W. J. Hartung, a chemist who was formerly employed by the Wailuku Sugar Company and more recently in government work. He is now with the Spreckels Sugar Factory. The wedding will take place shortly after Miss de la Nux's arrival in California.

republics were formal. Early in this century the Liberian republic found itself in a precarious condition financially, and pressed by European powers with colonies adjacent to the only experiment in democracy there is in that section of Africa. An appeal was made to the United States; Secretary of State Root heard it answered favorably, and a commission was sent out in 1909 to investigate and report the precise situation. On the basis of this body's report arrangements for thorough reorganization of finances were made, an expert American—Prof. R. Falkner—supervising the process and American, British, French and German bankers contributing funds. Thus the United States is in Africa as well as in Asia, sharing with Europe in the newer ways of making history by alliances that are no less powerful than ancient ones based on dynastic affiliations. One it was blood that counted. Now it is dollars or their equivalents.—Christian Science Monitor.

### SAMUEL UNTERMYER ANENT THE BANKERS.

Bankers of the country have chosen to impede rather than aid the labors of the committee of the House of Representatives, which is just now conducting an inquiry into banks and banking. From some motive that needs much explaining the banks have adopted a course of obstruction. By their attitude they seem to say: "It is none of the Nation's business and therefore none of the people's business how we conduct our affairs." The manifestation of this spirit has been carried so far, and has been cringed so effectively to the embarrassment of the House Committee that Samuel Untermyer, attorney for the committee, says the inquiry will have to be abandoned unless the Senate shall pass the bill now before that body defining the scope of the inquiry the powers of the committee and making the latter effective.

It is certainly difficult for the average man to understand, judging all things in a spirit of honesty, why there should be necessity for midnight finances; why there should be secretiveness and mystery, and the insistence upon a holy of holies within which the public must not step or look. The public cannot and will not dismiss the thought that it furnishes the money for the conduct of the banking business; that with the use of that money there is the development of financial power; and that it has every right to know whether or not that power is being exerted in its interests or to its detriment.—Portland (Ore.), Telegram.

### IN BOSTON.

The recent announcement in Boston that in a few months that city will have a hospital exclusively for the treatment of appendicitis cases is a proof of the municipality's advanced ideas and charitable nature. It is said that no other city in the world has an institution of this character. The highest charge for patients will be \$10, but if a man without money applies for treatment for the disease he will not be turned away, which, of course, is the proper way to conduct a hospital built for charitable purposes. The city is not appropriating the necessary money, but contributions from generous men and women plan possible.—Brooklyn Standard-Union.

### SAYS HOTEL CLERKS SHUN DIAMONDS WHILE ON DUTY

CHICAGO, Ill., July 6. — Hotel clerks have discontinued wearing large diamonds and glad smiles while on duty and are becoming hard-headed businessmen, according to Henry J. Bohn, editor of the Hotel World, in an address before the second annual convention of the Greeters of America in the Florentine room of the Congress hotel.

"As a class," he asserted, "hotel clerks have improved in the last ten years. They don't wear diamonds as much as bank clerks. The average hotel clerk is a solid, substantial citizen."

The convention was attended by 120 delegates and their wives. The women were entertained at luncheon at the Hotel Moraine after a trip to Highland Park.

David Hols Olmstead, clerk at the Hotel Sherman, and R. T. Martin of New York City are the only two men running for the nomination for president.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

ALEXANDER YOUNG — Kapiolani Park already has an aviary, thank you—Australian emus and jailbirds. JAMES D. DOUGHERTY—I'm glad to get back to Honolulu and now if the library will move to its new building, so we can get the Young Hotel location, Mr. Wall and I will be happy.

BERT RIVKINBURGH—Who said I was going to take a vacation? I'll be here on the job right along, and the office will be open every day, even if the mayor is going to take a vacation.

GEORGE W. PATY—We had quite a discussion yesterday afternoon over future plans for the Anti-Saloon League but no definite action has as yet been taken on any of the suggestions.

C. F. LOOMIS—I have just returned from Maui, where there are forty Y. M. C. A. boys camping on the slopes of Haleakala. They are all healthy and happy and it will probably be a job to make them return to Honolulu on August 6, when their time will be up.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

Circuit Judge Cooper this morning returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the action for rental on huli lands of Haleakala, North Kona, brought by Esther N. Pilipo et al against Nettie L. Scott.

The decree of the court in the second Mahuka side condemnation suit was formally placed on file this morning. It conforms to the jury's decision and the filing is merely a matter of "red tape" procedure.

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## FROM DICKENS

THE Pickwick Club had finally dissolved and Mr. Pickwick had made a choice of a home. Everything was so beautiful! The lawn in front, the garden behind, the miniature conservatory, the dining-room, the drawing-room, the bed-rooms, the smoking-room, and above all, the study, with its pictures and easy-chairs, and odd cabinets and queer tables, and books out of number, with a large, cheerful window, opening upon a pleasant lawn, and commanding a pretty landscape, just dotted here and there with little houses, almost hidden by the trees; and then the curtains, and the carpets, and the chairs, and the sofas! Everything was so beautiful, so compact, so neat, and in such exquisite taste, said everybody, that there really was no deciding what to admire most.

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